

U.S. Election Assistance Commission

2020 Elections Disability, Accessibility, and Security Forum

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Date: February 20, 2020

9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Location: The Westin Georgetown
2350 M St. NW, Washington, DC

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| 9:00 a.m. | Doors open and check-in |
| 9:30 a.m. – 9:40 a.m. | <p>Opening remarks</p> <p><i>Chair of the EAC will set the stage for the summit and announce forum workshop session topics to include protecting voting rights for people with disabilities and securing elections.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christy McCormick, EAC Chairwoman |
| 9:40 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. | <p>Election official perspectives on accessibility and security, while keeping the promise of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA)</p> <p><i>Former Executive Director of the Election Center will discuss HAVA's landmark rights for voters with disabilities and the upward trend of disability in an aging population.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Doug Lewis, former Executive Director, Election Center |
| 9:50 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. | <p>Workshop Introduction</p> <p><i>The forum moderator will announce guidelines and provide discussion perspectives to foster a collaborative discourse amongst the diverse group of participants.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Doug Chapin, Moderator, Director of the Certificate in Election Administration program, University of Minnesota's Humphrey School of Public Affairs |

- 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Moderated Discussion I: Cutting-Edge Voting Technology for Voters with Disabilities
- This workshop session will focus on the utilization of new voting technology to empower a private and independent vote across the U.S. The session will also discuss perspectives on new voting technology given growing election security needs.*
- Opened and closed by EAC Commissioner Hicks.
 - Introductory comments from election officials, voters with disabilities, leading advocates for voters with disabilities, and security experts.
 - Discussion with participants, EAC Commissioners, and members of the public.
- 11:00 a.m. – 11:20 a.m. Break (coffee available)
- 11:20 a.m. – 11:40 a.m. Keynote on disability, accessibility and security. Speaker to be determined
- A leader in the security community will offer perspectives.*
- 11:40 a.m. – 12:40 p.m. Moderated Discussion II: Ballot-Marking Devices and Accessibility
- This workshop session will foster discussion amongst election officials, leading advocates for voters with disabilities, and security experts on ballot-marking devices. Given the extensive use of BMDs across the nation, participants will discuss differing perspectives on this equipment and potential areas of agreement.*
- Opened and closed by EAC Commissioner Hovland.
 - Introductory comments from election officials, voters with disabilities, leading advocates for voters with disabilities, and security experts.
 - Discussion with participants, EAC Commissioners, and members of the public.
- 12:40 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Lunch (on your own)

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<p>Moderated Session III: Polling Place Access and Vote-by-Mail</p> <p><i>This workshop session will focus on accessible vote-by-mail ballots and polling places, given the heightened election security environment.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opened and closed by EAC Commissioner McCormick. • Introductory comments from election officials, voters with disabilities, leading advocates for voters with disabilities, and security experts. • Discussion with participants, EAC Commissioners, and members of the public.
3:00 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.	Break
3:20 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.	<p>Moderator-led Session on Potential Deliverables for Disability, Accessibility, and Security</p> <p><i>This closing workshop session will focus on next steps and potential best practices to assist election officials serving voters with disabilities amidst growing security needs.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opened and closed by EAC Commissioner Palmer. • Introductory comments from election officials, voters with disabilities, leading advocates for voters with disabilities, and security experts. • Discussion with participants, EAC commissioners, and members of the public.
4:20 p.m.	<p>Summarizing Comments by EAC Commissioners</p> <p><i>EAC commissioners will summarize workshop discussions and suggest next steps.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EAC Commissioners
4:30 p.m.	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mona Harrington, Acting Executive Director, EAC</i>